



# Riverside Metropolitan MUSEUM

## Mission

The Riverside Metropolitan Museum is a center for learning and a community museum that collects, exhibits, and interprets cultural and natural history. In a rapidly changing community, the museum provides an understanding and appreciation of our region's legacy.

## Background

Originally the Cornelius Earle Rumsey Indian Collection, the Museum opened in the basement of old City Hall in 1924, when the widow of NABISCO magnate Cornelius Earle Rumsey donated her late husband's collection of Native American artifacts to the City of Riverside.

In 1948, the Museum was relocated to its current facility, a former U.S. Post Office built in 1912.

Nine volunteer Riverside citizens serve as Board Members serving in an advisory capacity to the Museum.

## Riverside Museum Associates

The Riverside Museum Associates is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports the Museum by funding Museum programs and volunteering. For information about RMA membership, call: (951) 826-5273.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The Museum has a variety of opportunities for all volunteers. Volunteers can assist at the Heritage House, the Museum's gift shop, or Nature Lab. Call the Museum for information.

# Visit the MUSEUM

Riverside Metropolitan Museum  
3580 Mission Inn Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92501  
Phone: (951) 826-5273  
Fax: (951) 369-4970  
[www.riversideca.gov/museum](http://www.riversideca.gov/museum)



## Museum Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Thursday**

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Saturday**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sunday**

11:00 - 5:00 pm

## Admission

Free. Donations accepted.

## Directions

*From the 60 East*

60 Fwy East

Exit on Market St.

Rt. On Market St.

Lt. on Mission Inn Ave.

[Click for Google Map](#)

## Gift Shop

**Tuesday - Saturday**

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 - 4:30 pm

## Nature Lab

**Tuesday - Sunday**

1:30 - 4:30 pm

## Heritage House

**Friday**

12:00 - 3:00 pm

**Saturday & Sunday**

12:00 - 3:30 pm

*From the 91 East*

91 Fwy East

Exit University Ave.

Lt. on Mission Inn Ave.

*From the 91 West*

91 Fwy West

Exit on Mission Inn Ave.

Rt. on Mission Inn Ave.

The Museum is located on the corner of Orange Street & Mission Inn Avenue.

## Parking [Click for Downtown Parking Guide](#)

Parking validation is available for Garage 1 located on the corner of Orange & Mission Inn Ave. Curbside parking is available throughout downtown. Check posted signs for cost & time limitations. Parking is free after 5:00 pm.



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# EXPLORE

# Museum Collections

The Museum's collections consist of over 75,000 objects, which include:



## Anthropology

One of the largest Native American basket collections in California, Native American material culture, Japanese textiles, art, & other archaeological materials.



## Natural History

Specimens of minerals, rocks, & fossils; nature lab & water wise garden; mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, insects, marine invertebrates, botanical mounts, & the Clark Herbarium.



## History

Citrus labels & industry tools/equipment; Rin Tin Tin artifacts; quilts; Frank Miller Hutchings Papers; photographs, ephemera,



## Heritage House

City Landmark # 5  
National Register of Historic Places  
8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside

Built in 1891, Heritage House is a restored Queen Anne Victorian home

built for Catharine Bettner. It represents a typical orange grower's home at the time of Riverside's citrus industry boom. The House also features a beautiful heirloom garden, carriage house, barn, and Victorian Gift Shop.

Friday 12:00 - 3:00 pm; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 - 3:30 pm  
Closed July and August. School/group tours available upon request.



## Harada House

City Landmark #23  
National Historic Landmark

The Harada House embodies the experiences of the Harada family, a Japanese immigrant family, from their arrival to California in 1905 through their struggles to achieve land ownership and equal treatment as American citizens. Currently, the House is under preservation.



# Current Exhibitions



日本の布と伝統衣装の祭典

## A Celebration of Japan's Textile & Costume Traditions

March 1 - September 9, 2007

Explore the roots and beauty of the traditional Japanese garment, the Kimono, as well as other popular formal and informal Japanese textiles. Over 70 textiles and costumes are featured.

## Tiffany by Design

April 5 - July 8, 2007

Features lamps, one leaded-glass window, and other materials by Tiffany Studios from the Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass. The show explores the construction, fabrication, design, and qualities of Tiffany lamps from the late 1800s to early 1900s.



## Curiosities

Why do Museums Collect?



Before there were printed books – even before there were written languages – human beings collected “things”. Explore how human curiosity has inspired museums to collect.

# Ongoing Exhibitions

Natural History Dioramas of the Riverside Region

Local Lifeways: Native Americans of Southern California

To Have a Hand in Creation: Citrus & the Rise of Southern California 1880 to Present

Water Wise Garden



**NATURE LAB**  
Tuesday - Sunday  
1:30 - 4:30 pm

Investigate insects, research reptiles, ponder plants, and talk to one of our Nature Lab experts. Nature Lab is home to 30+ living species of local and exotic animals and plants.

# Education & Programs

The Museum offers fun and educational programs for all ages: workshops, demonstrations, lectures, children & family programs, youth projects, tours, school presentations, festivals, and more.

## School & Group Tours

The Museum offers free curriculum based programs for visiting school groups exploring Native American culture, local plants and animals, and Riverside History. For reservations, call: (951) 826-5133.

## Museum Youth Diversity Project

MYPD is a group of high school students who discuss issues important to Riverside's young people and plan presentations for schools and community groups about diversity and tolerance.

## RMA Multicultural Council

The Riverside Museum Associates' Multicultural Council hosts a variety of events: community dialogues, lectures, films, and its annual Family Village Festival.

## Discovery Day Wednesdays

Every Wednesday ▪ 1:00 - 4:30 pm  
Nature Lab hosts a special program featuring hands-on activities especially for kids ages 3 -5 years old.



## Family Fun Day

1st Sunday each month ▪ 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Family Fun Day features free hands-on activities for families from October to May.



## Riverside Arts Walk

1st Thursday each month ▪ 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
A free family-friendly event featuring art, culture, and entertainment.

